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MINUTES
May 12, 2003

Voting Members Present

Ariele Belo
Cheryl Buettemeier
Jane Campbell
Sandy Duncan
Aileen Hammar
Nancy Hatfield
Marianna Klon
Kay Lancaster
Cathy Murahashi
Charlene Robbins
Susan Sandall
Kari Tanta
Becky Thibodeaux

Representing

Special Populations
Developmental Center
Region 4 DDD
Childfind/Lead FRC
Medical Community
Special Populations
King County DD Board
Early Head Start
Parent Representative
Parent, King County
Higher Education
Medical Community
Public Health Department

Employer

Hearing, Speech and Deafness
Boyer Children's Clinic
DSHS, DDD
Children's Health Access Program
Children's Hospital
Washington Sensory Disabilities

Early Head Start
ARC

University of Washington EEU
Valley Medical Center
Seattle King County Public Health

Community Members

Colleen Hollings	FAME Child and Family Center
Merri McBride	Children's Hospital ECHI
Rachel Petty	Interested community member

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Cheryl Buettemeier and seconded by Sandy Duncan to approve March 2003 minutes.

Minutes Approved.

Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports

○ Lead Family Resource Coordination (FRC)

Sandy Duncan

- The FRC training in April with SHIBA, a statewide health insurance patient advocacy group out of the insurance Commissioners Office, was successful. The organization was designed to help people advocate with health insurance companies. Contact Sandy Duncan for phone information.
 - The FRC training on June 12th is with DSHS Hopelink to discuss the transportation and interpreter brokerage for Medicaid clients.
 - CHAP (Sandy Duncan) will continue organizing the King County FRC Trainings, at least for the next 6 months.
 - CHAP is working with the deaf and hard of hearing community providers to help transition families to CHAP and make certain there are several provider choices to help meet families' needs.
 - The Infant Early Childhood Conference in Yakima was held in May. The workshops were very good with a different group of people attending since fewer attendees were from Western Washington.
- Boyer Children's Home has an opening for a teacher.
 - Aileen Hammar noted a magazine, Parent Map, for parents with children of different development stages, tips, activities, etc. It can be found at Parent Map at www.parentmap.com. Possibly info about KCICC can be placed on the website.

Legislative update

Cathy Murahashi

- Most bills that passed were for adults.
- The Fircrest bill is still in negotiations.
- The rewrite of 71-A did not pass—but there is a group working on a different re-write that is more acceptable.
- Families will be required to pay premiums for Medicaid insurance premiums if they are above 100% of Federal Poverty Levels.

- The IDEA reauthorization's passed by the House, The Senate version should be out by Memorial Day. The ARC is asking that formal letters be sent to legislators as soon as possible, particularly from organizations. These need to be faxed, not mailed, to Washington DC. Part B is of particular concern, especially segregation and having only optional services.
- Susan Sandall has been working on these issues especially around the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) changes.
- Marianna Klon suggested KCICC write a letter to the legislature regarding concerns over the reauthorization. Jan Wrathall and Marianna will discuss the best way to get this letter out in a timely manner and also if the King County Developmental Disabilities Division Board could also write a letter.

Guest Presentation

Washington Sensory Disabilities Services (WSDS)

Nancy Hatfield

- WSDS is a State needs project funded by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). It supports the specialized needs of children birth to 21 years with hearing loss, visual loss or dual losses. There are six locations across the State and most staff are based in Burien but services are provided across the Washington State. In the birth to three arena, support and training are given to providers on how to work best with populations with vision or hearing loss(es).
- A Checklist for Accessing Services for Infants and Toddlers with Visual Impairments in Washington State is a useful tool. Vision teachers, adults, and providers helped looked at different models to link those with the teaching expertise to those that implement policies. A Menu of Services handout was created for the KCICC a few years ago. It is currently being updated. A 1 page summary of services handout includes an overview of WSDS services. The primary service WSDS provides is site technical assistance and consultation. Training for parents, which is a Summer Institute (mainly for preschool on up), is a 2 day or 5 day institute. (Contact Nancy Hatfield's office for copies of the handout at 206-439-6937).
- Questions/Comments from KCICC
 - Eligibility criteria: Nancy noted that her office is also discussing this question.
 - Documentation: If a dual disability is suspected in a birth to three child, but not documented, an on site consultation is available.
 - Screening tools: The Edie Early Diagnosis Intervention is a useful screening. Children are identified, from new born hearing screening for example, but

there are often no place to get services. Over 60% of children are now screened and that should go up to 90%. More children with moderate delays are getting services and services are often given for a longer period.

- Aileen Hammar noted that Group Health did not do a screening with her recent newborn. Other comments: most hospitals in Washington now have the screening. However, some people are aware of parents of children recently born at Swedish Hospital who were not screened despite the hospital stating they do the screenings. Because screening is not mandated, things like scheduling conflicts and not emphasizing the importance of screening and so forth may lower the rate of actual screenings in our area.
- Early Head Start training is available to better screen children for vision and hearing losses. Nancy noted that in addition to the handouts, video tapes are also available if your organization does not already have one.
- In summary, best practice for vision services to children with vision loss should be given by a certified vision instructor. However, this may not always be possible due to funding or availability of instructors. Consultation, video conferencing, team training, etc. may be an alternative.

Move of ICC with KCDD Board Ad-hoc Committee

Mariann Klon

- At the April 2nd meeting of the King County Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) Board, the Board passed a motion for the KCICC to be a regular subcommittee, but maintaining their own autonomy. KCICC will retain both the KCDD Board and KCICC bylaws (the KCICC bylaws are developed within the State ITEIP contract requirements). Note, the KCDD Board will be rewriting their bylaws shortly.

Family Transition Subcommittee

Charlene Robbins

- Charlene is chairing this subcommittee with Cathy Murahashi and Cheryl Buettemeier and Jodi Reimer of the ARC as members. The committee considered using the birth to three school transition notebook developed for FRCs. Jodi Reimer, has a workshop to help families work with school districts. Jodi helped the committee come up with some ideas. The committee is considering a parent mentor rather than or in addition to a notebook. Possibly teaming up with the Real Choices grant for some funding.
- Right now the committee is information gathering. The workshop on transitions at the Early Infant Childhood Conference also had a useful notebook from the

OSPI, WA State Special Education Services Family/Educator Guide (on their website).

- Questions/Comments from KCICC
 - Having something written is useful, but because the info is so specific to each school district maybe having a reference list available rather than info from every district would be best;
 - Uncertain what parents need; FRCs do a lot of their work at transition time; maybe training for FRCs on transition training might be good; also note the difficulty for parents to transition - possibly have the FRC breakout specific written materials depending on each parents' needs, rather than a large notebook on every thing available;
 - CDs might be one way of disseminating information for families that have a computer, but no internet connection, and those parents that do not want written materials;
 - Include info how parents could help their child transition (versus how to help parent/family transition).

Staff Reports

Lead Agency

Jan Wrathall

- The 3 year plan is updated every 6 months as required by the State Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP). It is important for the KCICC to review this document for planning for the next meeting, specifically identifying gaps in service (in 3 year plan, #1-6 represents locally identified gaps, and #7-10 as required by State contract. There are many more resources this year to pull from in the development of the plan such as the Conversation with Families, Parent Survey and the Needs Assessment. This 3 year plan also demonstrates the baby steps, KCICC has accomplished.
- The required ITEIP internet based version of the IFSP form is set for the fall. (Note, this has been delayed until early next year). ECDAW President, Kari Tanta, noted that the ITEIP HIPPA compliance is questionable since nothing has been received in writing from ITEIP. Kari suggested maybe KCICC address this with ITEIP in writing as a concern for King County providers, particularly if the IFSP form is required in the fall. Additionally, KCICC could tag on the issues about the IFSP not being family friendly. Susan Sandall also suggested to send these concerns to the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) and distribute it to as many necessary people as possible. Documenting concerns about the IFSP and the HIPPA problem from families, FRCs, and providers

would be helpful as well. Jane Campbell and Kari Tanta will work together to get a clear answer from ITEIP around the HIPPA issue.

- Jan Wrathall will verify how to get the IFSP concerns resolved. The SICC Family Leadership Team already sent their recommendations to ITEIP. Feedback on this form should be provided via the feedback button on the ITEIP data system.

New Business/Announcements

- Washington Health Foundation is facilitating a community conversation regarding health insurance. These are being held around the state, and the local one is at Shoreline Center on June 9 at 7:00pm.
- Valley Medical Center now has Pediatric Modified Barium Swallow Studies. Send referrals!
- Will discuss meeting time of day at next meeting.
- A flyer will be sent out reminding everyone to invite families to the KCICC meetings!

The next meeting is July 14th at 5:30pm at Region IV, 1700 E. Cherry Street. This will be a working meeting to begin development of the next Three Year Plan. A light dinner will be served. Note that due to lack of interest, childcare will be no longer be available. However, we encourage families to participate in the KCICC and will provide a stipend to help support with travel and childcare.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.



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